

WITNESS LIST

**117<sup>th</sup> Congress**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Veterans' Affairs**  
**Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity**

***“Reviewing President Biden’s Strategy to Reduce Veteran Suicide by Addressing Economic Risk Factors”***

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 2:00 pm**

**Hybrid**

*Panel 1*

**Dr. Susan L. Black, DSW, LCSW-C, BCD**  
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*Accompanied by:*

**Dr. Matthew A. Miller, PhD, MPH**  
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**Dr. Christopher Jones, PharmD, DrPH, MPH, CAPT, US Public Health Service**  
Acting Director of National Center for Injury Prevention and Control  
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**Ms. Peggy Bailey**  
Senior Advisor to the Secretary  
Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Mr. James Rodriguez**  
Assistant Secretary, Veterans Employment and Training Services  
Department of Labor

*Panel 2*

**Dr. Laura Otis-Miles**  
Senior Vice President  
Mental Health Systems/Courage to Call

**Mr. Nick Armstrong**

Managing Director, Research and Data  
Syracuse University Institute for Military and Veteran Families

**Mr. Marquis Barefield**  
Assistant National Legislative Director  
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**Ms. Betsey Mercado**  
Co-Founder & Executive Director  
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**Ms. Judy Clausen**  
Deputy Chair of the Legislative Advocacy Committee  
National Law School Veterans Clinic Consortium

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Associate Director, National Legislative Service  
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